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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline for the ABC awards program for outstanding Elementary Guidance programs has been extended until May 15 2007. Please see all details and the application forms on the National Consortium of State Guidance Leadership web site www.guidanceconsortium.com

REMINDER: ENVIRONMENTAL CAREER FAIR (ECF) IN JEFFERSON CITY, 4/20/07, NOON TO 6 P.M. IN THE TRUMAN STATE OFFICE BUILDING.

On Friday April 20th, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources will host its annual Earth Day celebration, part of which will be the "ECF," targeting high school and undergraduate students and anyone else interested in an environmental career! Nearly 30 vendors have been lined up representing a variety of environmental careers and college degree programs to help chart our students' futures.

Your help is needed! Counselors are in a position to identify students (and their teachers) who are interested in environmental careers and would benefit by attending the ECF. If you are within driving distance ("open" till 6p.m.) or can arrange transportation for motivated students (and/or if parents give permission), please advertise this event and invite students to sign up. If it looks like this will work for your school or district, please e-mail me for more details:
jim.lubbers@dnr.mo.gov

PBS DOCUMENTARY TO EXPLORE 200 YEARS OF DEAF LIFE IN AMERICA

Through Deaf Eyes," a two-hour PBS documentary exploring nearly 200 years of Deaf life in America, will air early next year. The film was inspired by the exhibition, "History Through Deaf Eyes," curated by Jack R. Gannon of Gallaudet University. The documentary will air nationally on PBS on Wednesday, March 21 at 9 p.m. ET (check local listings).

The film presents the shared experiences of American history - family life, education, work, and community connections - from the perspective of deaf citizens. Interviews include community leaders, historians, and deaf Americans with diverse views on language use, technology and identity.

A comprehensive Web site, found at www.pbs.org accompanies the film. The site includes interviews with the deaf filmmakers whose work is featured in the documentary, while also inviting viewers to submit their own stories, photographs, and films. These will become part of the archival collection of Gallaudet University. A companion book is being published by Gallaudet University Press.

THANKS TO DISTRICT GUIDANCE CONTACTS:

We want to thank those of you who took the time to assist us in our efforts to determine the extent of the distribution of the Guidance Digest in the schools by completing our short survey concerning the Digest.

The information obtained will be used by us to determine possible ways to improve the distribution of the Digest and possible changes in the format.

Any changes will be reflected in the Digest when it resumes distribution at the beginning of school year 07-08.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. Inquiries related to Department programs may be directed to the Jefferson State Office Building, Title IX Coordinator, 5th Floor, 205 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0480; telephone number 573-751-4212.

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PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)

CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM AVAILABLE!!!

The Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program Curriculum lessons that reflect the newly revised Standards and Grade Level Expectations are available on the Missouri Center for Career Education (MCCE) website at <http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/lessons/index.php>

INDIVIDUAL PLANNING

Mapping Your Future is a national collaborative, public-service project of the financial aid industry - bringing together the expertise of the industry to provide free college, career, financial aid, and financial literacy services for students, families, and schools. For more information and to see the website, go to: <http://www.mapping-your-future.org/>

RESPONSIVE SERVICES

SUICIDE PREVENTION:

The most recent issue of *The Counseling Interviewer*, the official journal of the Missouri School Counselors Association (MSCA), focused on suicide prevention and counseling strategies. The issue consisted of a collection of articles written by various individuals from around the state, including several that have worked with the Missouri Suicide Prevention Project.

MSCA has graciously allowed the full text of this issue to be posted on the Missouri Department of Mental Health website. To download a PDF version of this issue, go to: <http://www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/documents/Vol39No1.pdf>

MSCA has been a valued partner of the Guidance and Placement Section of DESE in promoting effective and relevant guidance and counseling programs that are responsive to the educational, personal, social and career development needs of Missouri youth and in promoting guidance on the local, state and national levels. If you wish to visit the MSCA website, please go to: <http://www.schoolweb.missouri.edu/MSCA/>

PREVENTION CONFERENCE SCHEDULED IN ST. LOUIS

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (NCADA)-St. Louis Area, has scheduled a prevention leadership training that includes youth in middle and high school, parents, and school faculty as well as others in St. Louis on August 2-5, 2007. For more information about this conference, please contact Ginny Shaller at 314-962-3456 or 800-666-5124 or by e-mail at gshaller@ncada-stl.org

SYSTEM SUPPORT

PLEASE FORWARD TO ALL INTERESTED IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) has announced the launching of a new Web page that will showcase innovative programs and creative teaching found in career and technical education across the country. The Best Practices and Programs Web page (www.acteonline.org/policy/resources/bpp) is designed to allow teachers, school administrators, parents, students and policymakers to read and share information that may improve how career and technical education is taught in their programs and schools.

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Designed to spark new ideas, the Best Practices and Programs Web page is searchable by topic or by state, using drop down menus. This allows the user to see how similar career and technical education programs are delivering high quality teaching and training across the country, and to see how programs and schools are creatively working under similar circumstances within a state.

Career and technical education programs are constantly creating and finding better ways to serve their students and their communities. To reflect this commitment to excellence, the Best Practices and Programs Web page will be updated with new programs and schools continuously. Please send [ACTE](#) any ideas for programs and schools that you feel deserve to be highlighted on the page. Please include as much information as you can about the program, including contact information for the program administrator and the school.

CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

A. THE ANNUAL MISSOURI ACT STATE CONFERENCE will be held with a Pre-Conference on **Wednesday March 14, 2007**, and the regular conference on **Thursday, March 15, 2007**, at the **Holiday Inn Select, Columbia, MO**. For more details on the conference and access to an online registration form, go to <http://www.act.org/midwest/pdf/mo07.pdf>

B. SPRING TRAINING INSTITUTE will be held **May 16-18, 2007 at Tan Tar A**. This conference, sponsored by the Missouri Department of Mental Health, gives attendees the opportunity to learn more about mental health issues that confront Missourians of all ages. For more information about this, go to <http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/cps/springtraining/springtraining.htm>

C. THE THIRD ANNUAL COUNSELOR INSTITUTE presented by **University of Central Missouri and DESE** will be **June 15-16, 2007 at the UCM Summit Center in Lee's Summit**. Complete information, including registration procedures, will be sent out as soon as it is available.

D. THE AMERICAN SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (ASCA) CONFERENCE WILL be **June 23-26, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center**. For more information, go to: <http://www.schoolcounselor.org/content.asp?pl=325&sl=129&contentid=182>

E. MILITARY CHILD EDUCATION COALITION (MCEC) CONFERENCE will be **July 11-13, 2007 with a pre-conference July 10-11 at the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City**. For more information and a registration form, go to: <http://www.militarychild.org/KansasCity.asp>

F. ANNUAL CHARACTER EDUCATION CONFERENCE will be held **July 19-20, 2007, in St. Louis**. Information is available at <http://www.characterplus.org/>

G. 2007 MISSOURI ACTE SUMMER CONFERENCE AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS WILL be held **July 23-July 26, 2007 in Springfield**. Watch for further information.